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The average daily circulation of the
Barre Daily Times for the week ending
Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of
any daily paper in this section.

The National Life Insurance company
boasts the green-hay tree. May it al-
ways flourish!

It took 82 ballots and a lot of anguish
for Rhode Island to elect C. P. Wetmore
senator yesterday.

The death of "Little Egypt" in New
York calls up the famous Seelye dinner,
also the usual claimant for the worldly
possessions of the deceased.

The turning down of Fairbanks for
pension commissioner in this district
may presage the turning down of a more
prominent man of the same name in
another capacity later.

Henry W. Dennison, the Vermont ad-
viser of the Japanese emperor, will not
resign. A base insinuation! After 23
years' service in that capacity, why need
a man resign?

Yesterday night very properly have
been designated "governors' day" in
Montpelier; there were assembled Gov-
ernor Proctor, ex-Governor Dillingham,
ex-Governor Stickney, ex-Governor Mc-
Cullough and Joseph A. DeBoer.

The prisoners at the Washington county
jail may be better workers than those
at the Franklin county institution; they
certainly showed up better in their net
earnings of \$489.38, whereas the Frank-
lin county results show a slight deficit.
Or, it may have been due to better judg-
ment in putting them out to work.

Mr. William Travers Jerome is cer-
tainly treating Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw
with little consideration in this second
trial, and Evelyn might be pardoned if
she refused to speak to the prosecuting
attorney the next time she meets him
on the street. There is little delicacy or
feeling in the court room, of all places.

MAYOR ROBINS' MESSAGES.

Mayor Robins' annual message is do-
minated by the spirit of modesty, but
that will not blind the citizens to the
merits of the administration by any
means. It is a case of deeds rather than
words, with the deeds speaking for
themselves.

BARRE'S FINANCIAL PROGRESS.

It will be very gratifying information
to the taxpayers of Barre that the tax
rate will be materially reduced during
the coming year, if the plans of the
present city government are carried out.
The early growth of the community and
the changes thereby caused, as well as
the expenses incident to divorcing the
city and the town, necessitated a very
large outlay of money, in schools, streets,
city hall, fire station, police and the
other departments. To meet those ex-
penses meant a heavy burden of taxa-
tion; with municipal disarray through
slipshod methods as the alternative.
The community chose the former and
consequently the citizens have had to
pay large tolls.

However, the municipality is in better
shape than it has been since the organ-
ization in 1895, and promises of that
condition have been seen in the reduced
tax rates of the last two years. Now,
still further evidence of the sound and
prosperous financial state is shown by
the proposal to drop the rate to \$2.25
on the dollar of the grand list, with a



HULDA SAYS:

"Perhaps you are won-
dering what's bringing
so many people down
town these days. I
know. They're going
to Hooker's furniture
store. There's a big
sale going on there."

It's our profitless time—your
money-saving time. If you need
furniture now's the time to buy—
here prices are a third below
regular.

B. W. HOOKER & CO.

F. H. ROGERS & CO.



Pointers for the Particular.

Cold weather was slow
in coming, so our warm
suits were slow in going.

Now if you're particu-
lar about money matters
it will interest you to
watch our windows for
the next 30 days. You
will see good, seasonable
goods for about one-half
their value. Some are
little out of style, but
worth fully 25 per cent
more than priced. To-
day it is Men's Suits.

All Goods Sold for Cash.

FUR COATS TO RENT.
WE CLEAN, PRESS AND
REPAIR CLOTHING.

174 North Main St., Barre, Vt.

promise that if conditions continue fav-
orable there will be a still further re-
duction to two dollars by two years
from now.

Just what this will mean to the
growth of the city cannot be estimated,
but it is certain that building opera-
tions will be somewhat stimulated
thereby and industries will find Barre
a more favorable place for location.
Personal property will also have a ten-
dency to come out of the hiding—if it
hiding it be at the present time.

Moreover, things are being shaped so
well that, by 1909, a considerable por-
tion of the municipal debt will have been
wiped out in the maturing and taking
up of \$75,000 sewer bonds. Another evi-
dence of the city's growth financially is
the clearing of the water department's
indebtedness to the city treasury, some-
thing just consummated. This indicates
that there should be each year a sur-
plus to apply to the water depart-
ment bonds or to some other work, as
the council shall see fit to use it.

These are a few of the things which
the citizens of Barre have reason to be
pleased with.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Not Crying Quits.

As predicted in last week's Signal,
organized labor is not crying quits on
the employers liability bill because it
was declared unconstitutional, a new
measure having already been introduced
by U. S. Senator Knox, designed for the
express purpose of overcoming the tech-
nical objections raised against the law
turned down by a majority vote of the
Senate. The new measure pro-
vides in effect that every common car-
rier in effect that every common car-
rier who employs or other motive power
and engaged in commerce to which the
regulatory power of Congress extends,
under the court, shall be liable to any
person employed by such carrier in such
commerce while the employee is engaged
therein, and in case of the death of such
person the company shall be liable to his
heirs for all damages which may re-
sult from the negligence of any of the
officers, agents or employees of the car-
rier or by reason of any defect in the
cars, engines, appliances, machinery,
track, roadbed, ways or works of the
carrier due to the carrier's negligence.
Section 2 provides that in all sections
brought under this act the fact that
employees may have been guilty of con-
tributory negligence shall not bar a
recovery. But the jury is empowered to
deduct from the total damages a per-
centage equal to the percentage of neg-
ligence contributed. Section 3 provides
that no contract of employment, insur-
ance, relief benefit or indemnity for
injury or death entered into by or on
behalf of any employee shall constitute
any bar or defense to any action brought
to recover damages. Actions must be
commenced within one year, and noth-
ing in the act shall be held to limit the
duty of common carriers by railroads or
impair the rights of their employees un-
der the safety appliance act.—Vermont
Union Signal.

Whittier's Humor.

A story is told of Whittier which
illustrates the character of his humor.
Two of his neighbors, an aged brother
and sister, had accumulated a com-
petency. He thought they were work-
ing harder than was necessary in view
of their age and worldly accumulations
and spoke of it.
"We must lay by something for our
last sickness and have enough left to
bury us," said the sister.
"Mary," replied Whittier, "did they
ever know any one in his last sickness
to stick by the way for want of funds?"

MAYOR ROBINS'

MESSAGE OUT

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ton and South Main streets to be ma-
cadamized, and the improvement made
by this work will speak for itself, and
we earnestly recommend a continuance
of this work during the coming year in
such amount that will not make them
too burdensome on the taxpayers or the
abutting owners.

The recommendation of the finance
committee for the coming year contains
liberal provisions for this class of work,
and I have no doubt but that it will be
fully carried out.

It has been a matter of great pleasure
during the year that the improvements
made along this line have met with the
hearty endorsement of the abutters, and
that the assessments made for the same
have been promptly paid. We were in
hopes that the difference of opinion ex-
isting among several of the abutters on
North and South Main street and the
city relative to the street paving
assessments would have been amicably
adjusted by this time, a number of them
have settled the matter and paid the
assessments levied on them in accordance
with the new finding, but there are still
some who believe it to be to their
interest to carry on a litigation over this
question; this is all the more regret-
table as it is a matter which is
sure to be costly to both sides, not only
from a financial point of view, but also
from that of harmony and progress and
which we hope the contending parties
will yet reconsider and avoid initial that
whatever the ultimate decision may be
we venture to say it will give to them
the same satisfaction that the settling of
the matter would do now.
We believe that the whole of the
work done during the year that comes
under the supervision of the street com-
missioners, city engineer, and the street
superintendent has been done in a very
efficient and economical manner and will
reflect to their credit for the time, in-
terest and energy which they devoted to it.

Water Department.

During the past year this department
has not been called on to make any
large extension of the mains, but the
energies of the committee and superin-
tendent have been devoted to maintain-
ing the plant in good condition, pro-
tecting the purity of the supply and reg-
ulating the economical use of the water.
The surplus of earnings in this de-
partment for the past year, namely,
\$2,924.91, over expenses after meeting all
interest charges and maturing bonds, is
convincing evidence of the care and ef-
ficient management that has been dis-
played and shows that in the future our
water system will be a source of large
revenue to the city, and provide the
means at an earlier date than was an-
ticipated for wiping out the debt incur-
red by the establishment of our water
system.

Fire Department.

The past year has been an exceptional
one in the city's history in so far as
the losses incurred by fire are concerned
and amply justifies the wisdom of pre-
vious administrations in establishing the
present department.

Some people may say that the ques-
tion of loss by fire is generally a dispen-
sation of providence over which we have
little or no control, and if we have a
light year that providence should re-
ceive the credit for it, but with all due
respect to that opinion, we would rather
place our belief in the efficiency of our
fire department rather than Providence
as being the prime factor in the gratify-
ing conditions of the past year.

The careful and frequent examina-
tions of dangerous property, and con-
ditions that might lead to fire, by the
chief and his subordinates, and the
promptness with which they have an-
swered all alarms and prevented that
otherwise might have started or devel-
oped into disastrous fires, are a matter
of gratification to the city government
and a credit to the department.

We cannot afford to take any back-
ward step in this department, but must
keep it fully equipped and maintained
in the present high state of efficiency,
and conditions have shown that the pre-
sent system is both efficient and economi-
cal and should entitle us to still further
consideration from the insurance com-
panies, and a substantial reduction in
rates.

Poor Department.

We have been called upon during the
past year to expend a larger amount
of money for the support of poor than
on the previous year, but no one can
grudge anything spent in this depart-
ment, where it is under a careful and
efficient management as that of the pre-
sent overseer, it being a sure guarantee
that whatever has been spent in this
department has been actually needed.

Police Department.

This department has, as in the past,
rendered efficient service during the year
and handled all business coming under
its jurisdiction in a faithful manner.
It was seriously considered at one time
during the past year as being necessary
to have another officer on regular duty,
but we do not believe that the same
is necessary yet.

Finances.

The income of the city from taxation
during the past year was somewhat
larger than that of any previous year,
but the amount raised and available for
general purposes was not so large as
last year by \$2,034.31.

We have been enabled on the same
tax rate as last year to pay over to the
school commissioners for the support of
schools the sum of \$28,431.58, an in-
crease of \$10,333.02 over the amount
given them last year. Out of this they
have paid about four-fifths of the cost
of enlarging the Brook street school build-
ing.

The city's floating indebtedness as
represented by notes outstanding has
been reduced to \$20,833.85, and the only
notes of the city now outstanding are
those held by the cemetery commis-
sioners.

The sinking fund of the city has in-
creased during the year from \$39,328.25
to \$42,273.70, a gain of \$2,945.45. This
brings our sinking fund up to where we
can meet the \$75,000 of sewer bonds ma-
turing in 1909 if we raise a special sink-
ing fund tax during the next two years
of about twenty-seven cents on the dol-
lar. This we believe can be done on a
total tax rate of \$2.25. We will then
be rid of an annual interest burden of
\$3,000, and can drop to the goal long
promised but hard to reach, namely, a
\$2.00 tax rate. This is a matter which
we recommend to the serious considera-
tion of succeeding administrations and
we think they will see the advantage of
carrying out this recommendation. If

this could not be done without sacrific-
ing that progressive spirit that has char-
acterized our city, we would not advise
it; but we believe that on the above tax
rate we can go on improving our streets,
sewers and sidewalks as have been done
in recent years, maintain our schools
in the same high state of efficiency that
they are now in and maintain our stand-
ing as one of the most progressive cities
in New England.

In assuming the duties of the office
of mayor we realized that the honor
bestowed by the office demanded our
best service and this we have tried to
give in so far as it lay in our power.
We tried in conjunction with the alder-
men and city officials (without whose
hearty co-operation little can be accom-
plished) to carry on the city's business
in a careful, practicable, economical and
expedient manner as possible, and any
failures along the above lines on our
part has been due to a lack of percep-
tion rather than a lack of interest or
effort.

In closing this message we desire to
express our thanks and appreciation of
their services to all the members of
the board of aldermen, the city clerk
and treasurer, and the heads of the sev-
eral departments, and whatever credit,
if any is due for the work of the past
year, has been earned by their hearty
co-operation and untiring efforts for the
city's welfare.

John Robins, mayor.

RANDOLPH

Augustus Wheeler, a Former Resident
Died at Canton, N. Y.

Augustus Wheeler, who was at one
time resident of town, died at Canton,
N. Y., on Monday, January 20, the re-
sult of heart failure. The funeral ser-
vices will be on Wednesday and in the
spring his remains will be brought here
with the body of the late Mrs. Jennie
Wheeler Jerd, who died earlier and both
will be buried in the cemetery at East
Brimfield in the family lot. Mr. Wheel-
er was the father of Mrs. Mary Jerd of
this town and formerly lived here and
worked for Salisbury Brothers. He
left for Canton some two, or three
years ago, at the time Mr. E. N. Jerd
established himself in business in Can-
ton and has since lived there with the
family.

Victor Spear started for Boston on
Tuesday morning where he may be for
a few days.

Mrs. Harry Allen of Gayville was in
town on Tuesday, the guest of her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fish.

Fred Roppo is critically ill with
pneumonia. From the first his condi-
tion has been regarded serious.

Mrs. Clarence Cook, whose home is in
the lower tenement of the Masonic
house, is quite ill with pneumonia.

The Venetian band gave a matinee on
Monday afternoon in Music hall and a
concert in the evening to a medium
sized house.

Mrs. Ella Leavitt and Miss Ada Bur-
roughs have returned after spending a
few days with relatives in South Royal-
ton. Mrs. Leavitt is to meet Judge
Stone Tuesday in regard to the settle-
ment of the late Mrs. Abbie Bingham's
estate, the meeting being at Randolph
inn.

Miss Clara Burnham of Concord, N. H.,
has been in town for a few days, the
guest of her mother, who is the house-
keeper for Grayville Barnes. Miss
Burnham was in Burlington on a busi-
ness trip on Monday and returned to
her duties as saleslady in a store in
Concord on Tuesday, where she has
been employed for the last few years.

Leslie Dickerman of Vancouver re-
turned to Vermont and East Granville
on Tuesday to attend to some business
in that place. He will remain here about
two weeks when he will return by the
way to California, where are his wife and
son. Mrs. Bertha Nickerson and daughter
and Mrs. Tarbell. After a time
spent there he will go on to Vancouver,
where are his business interests, and the
remainder of his family will return with
him for the summer. They report the climate
delightful and Vancouver a good
business place.

WOLCOTT

Wm. McDonald was in Hardwick over
Sunday.

J. R. Parker and wife visited at H.
H. Parker's Saturday.

T. C. Cheney and F. E. Wheeler of
Morrisville were in town Tuesday.

George Tillotson and Lewis Liberty
of Morrisville were in town Tuesday.

The condition of W. A. Burdges, who
is ill with pneumonia is slightly im-
proved.

J. M. Golden, who was operated on
for appendicitis at the Mr. Fletcher
hospital at Burlington Saturday is re-
ported as improving.

Saturday morning about four o'clock,
Joseph Genness' house on Town Hill was
destroyed by fire. Mr. Genness got up
and built a fire and went back to bed,
and then went to the barn to work.
When he got back the house was in
flames. The building was insured.

The Theatorium!

BARRE'S 5 CENT THEATRE

Moving Pictures, Illustrated Songs

PROGRAM

A Startling Chase
The Watchmaker's Secret
The Teddy Bears

SONG

"I Am Dreaming of You"

Admission, 5 cents.

Children free if accompanied by a paid
admission, afterwards only.Daily, matinee at 2:00, evening at
7:00.

JINGLES AND JESTS

DIABOLO.

How do you perch the bobbin on the
string?
Before you send it skyward with a jerk?
How the diabolo do you get the thing
To work?

Last night I practiced for an hour or so
Until a difference of opinion led
To the diabolo skulking in below
The bed.

I caught it twice—once off my looking
glass.
And once it got entangled with my ear;
We're needing three new mantles in my
gar-
olier.

I could admire the creature's graceful
waits.
Did it reverse with less unholly glee;
I can't forgive its cowardly assaults
On me.

Are not its fascinations mostly sham?
Do its exponents really find the fun
Worth all the loss of temper and the dam-
age done?

Next year its name will be anathema;
The present cry will in a month or so
Be changed to "Au diablo with dis-
-diolo!"

—Glasgow Herald.

Wisdom of the Young.



"Oh, Willie, don't yer wisht yer wua
a real horse, so's yer could wear a
silver plated harness instead of dese
old strings?"—New York World.

Perhaps She Did.

"Did your daughter inherit her tal-
ent for drawing?"
"Well, I never thought of it before,
but it may be that she did. One of
my brothers is a dentist."—Houston
Post.

He Pays.

She—What do you want for a Christ-
mas present, hubby, dear?
He—Nothing, thank you. The recent
panic compels me to economize this
year.—Los Angeles Times.

A Question of Honor.

Sadly the pickpocket surveyed the
interior of a fat purse.
"Nothing but samples," he muttered.
"Is there no honor among women?"—
Philadelphia Ledger.

A Real Difficulty.

New Cook (menacingly)—Ma'am, I
ain't a woman to muce matters.
Missus (timidly)—Gracious me,
cook, then how can you make pie?
—Baltimore American.

Obliged to Hustle.

Hewitt—Gruet is a hustler. He is
always on the move.
Jewett—He has to be on the move.
He never pays his rent.—New York
Press.

What He Learns at School.
He can weave a raffia basket.
Make a cunning pasteboard box.
Cut a Noah's ark from paper.
Fashion bent wire weathercocks.
He can mold a waddy pitcher
(Some two inches out of plumb).
He can work in brass and iron.
—Stranger he cannot

do

SUM.

He can knit, and he can hemstitch;
He can draw and paint and sing;
He can work in wood and leather;
He can knit the festive string;
He can weave a mat superbly
And in stringing beads excel,
Truly Willie is a wonder—
—Stranger he cannot

read

and

SPELL.

Willie's father, as it happens,
Is a queer, old fashioned crank
Who contends in education
The three R's should hold first rank
And it grieves him that his offspring
Should grow up in ignorance quite,
So he's buckled down to business
And is teaching—
—Stranger he cannot

NIGHT.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

Curious that it is the automobile that
is going slowly that runs over people.
—Indianapolis Star.

Society women are giving east side
girls lessons in courtship. Next thing
they will be teaching young ducks how
to swim.—New York Herald.

Judge Coffey of California, who has
decided that a dog cannot inherit mon-
ey, will not deny that many a hog has
done so.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Don't cut wages," says Mr. Gom-
pers. Nor the price of stocks, the cost
of living, nor the length of after dinner
speeches. This is too big a country to
cut anything, even its eyetooth.—New
York Mail.

Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson says New
York men measure everything by dol-
lars, while New York women measure
everything by clothes. Some of us
have thought that the clothes were
measured by the dollars.—Washington
Times.

Union In Failure.

Men are united more by their vices
than their virtues, observed Balzac.
It is also true that they are more closely
bound by their failures than their suc-
cesses. How a man will love you if
you have fallen down like himself
when perhaps you should both have
won out were there any real stuff in
you.—Michael Monahan.

5th ANNUAL WHITE SALE

You are invited here to inspect "The Celebrated Peer-
less" Muslin Underwear for Women and Children.

This sale comprises samples of Robes, Skirts, Che-
mises, Corset Covers and Drawers, made and trimmed
with the newest laces and embroidery and in this sale
25 per cent less than ordinary sales.

White Sale of New Shirt Waists. It will pay you
to invest in these Waists for the whole season's wear,
when you can procure them in this sale at 89c, 98c,
\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.98 up. See them in window.

New Laces and Fine Embroidery in This Sale.

The Vaughan Store

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Nella Bergen, the wife of De Wolfe
Hopper, is the prima donna of "The
Talk of New York."

Henrietta Crossman may make an
Australian tour in a repertoire of her
successful plays, including "As You
Like It."

A new musical comedy, produced
for the first time recently, is called
"The Circus Man" and is said to have
made a hit.

"Clothes," in which Grace George
starred successfully, is to be revived by
Manager Brady and sent on tour in
the spring.

George M. Cohan is credited with
another success in his "Talk of New
York," produced with Victor Moore in
the leading role.

"The Waltz Dream" has been staged
by Herbert Gresham, with Charles A.
Bigelow, Joseph Herbert, Sophie
Brundt, Josie Sadler and Magda Dahl
in the cast.

Sam Bernard is to have a theater
named after him in New York, and he
is also to be the star in this theater, at
the head of his own company, all the
year around.

Whistler, the Egg and the Amateur.

A young artist had brought that er-
atic genius, Whistler, to view his
maiden effort. The two stood before
the canvas for some moments in si-
lence. Finally the young man asked
timidly, "Don't you think this painting
of mine is a—er—a tolerable picture,
sir?"

Mr. Whistler's eyes twinkled. "What
is your opinion of a tolerable egg?" he
asked.—Harpur's.

CHURCH WORK.

It was 230 years ago that the Society
of Friends founded its church in Lynn,
Mass.

An average of four Sunday schools a
day established for every day of the
last eighty-three years is the record of
the American Sunday School union.